



Update

News from West Valley City Hall

October 2010

City Council Members:

- Mike Winder, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Carolynn Burt, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Russ Brooks, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number..... 801-966-3600
City Manager..... 801-963-3220
Police Department. 801-963-3386
Police Dispatch..... 801-840-4000
Fire Department..... 801-963-3336
Emergency911
Family Fitness Center.....
801-955-4000
Garbage Questions 801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility.. 801-963-3448
Housing Authority . 801-963-3320
Parks and Rec..... 801-955-4000
Harman Home 801-965-5822
Stonebridge Golf Course.....
801-957-9000
West Ridge Golf Course.....
801-965-5800
Graffiti Hot Line 801-963-3467
Animal Services..... 801-965-5800
Victims Services 801-963-3223
Ordinance Compliance
801-963-3289
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
801-965-5100

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

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3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:
Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Proposition 3: West Valley City Residents Vote on Parks & Trails

A message from Councilmember Steve Vincent

I am often asked why I would choose to live in West Valley City; many have a negative perspective of the City and never hear of all the good that the City has to offer.

So when I am asked why I chose to live in West Valley City, I reply with what I believe is right with the City. West Valley City is home to 21 Parks including 77 acres at Centennial Park, which boasts 8 softball fields, an outdoor swimming pool, and open space for soccer and football. Hunter Park is home to youth baseball, soccer and football, and City Park includes youth baseball fields and open space. Many smaller neighborhood parks dot the City.

West Valley has the beginnings of a great trail system that will someday connect the Jordan River trail with the western edge of the City. Two great public golf courses are located in the City – 18 holes at Westridge golf course and 27 holes at Stonebridge golf course – contributing to the overall green space in the City. Two great public fitness centers are located in the city – the Redwood Recreation Center on the east side of town and The Family Fitness Center on the west side.

The Hale Center Theatre is a first class live production theatre with great family entertainment. The

Harman Senior Recreation Center provides activities for our senior residents. The Maverik Center is host to the Utah Grizzlies Hockey, Utah Blaze Indoor Football, high school sports and graduations, concerts, family entertainment, and of course the Days of 47 Rodeo. Rocky Mountain Raceway adds to the entertainment options along with USANA Amphitheater, Hollywood Connection and Ritz 15 Movie Theater.

The Utah Cultural Celebration Center (UCCC), one of the City's best kept secrets, is host to a great public art gallery, and many culturally diverse festivals including the annual Shakespeare Festival Play, Fiesta Celebration and the free Monday Night Summer Concert series at the outdoor Amphitheater.

Visit the many available amenities and you will discover that West Valley City is a pretty great place to live, work and play.

Residents will have the chance to vote on Proposition 3, a general obligation bond, on November 2, 2010. For more information on Proposition 3, please read the rest of the UpDate Newsletter. For election information, contact the City Recorder's Office at 801-963-3203 or 801-963-3207 or visit www.clerk.sco.org.

What is Proposition 3?

On the ballot this November, West Valley City registered voters will have the opportunity to vote on the city's first ever general obligation bond. This bond, which could provide up to \$25,000,000, would fund a variety of parks and trails throughout the city. The bond would be paid back over 20 years using property tax revenues. General obligation bonds are used because they have the lowest interest rates.

How Much will the Bond Cost an Average Family and Business?

For a homeowner with an average home (valued at \$177,000), it is estimated that there would be a property tax increase of \$25.02 per year over a 20 year period, if the bonds are issued as planned. The property tax increase for a business having the same value (\$177,000) is estimated to be \$45.49 for the same twenty year period.

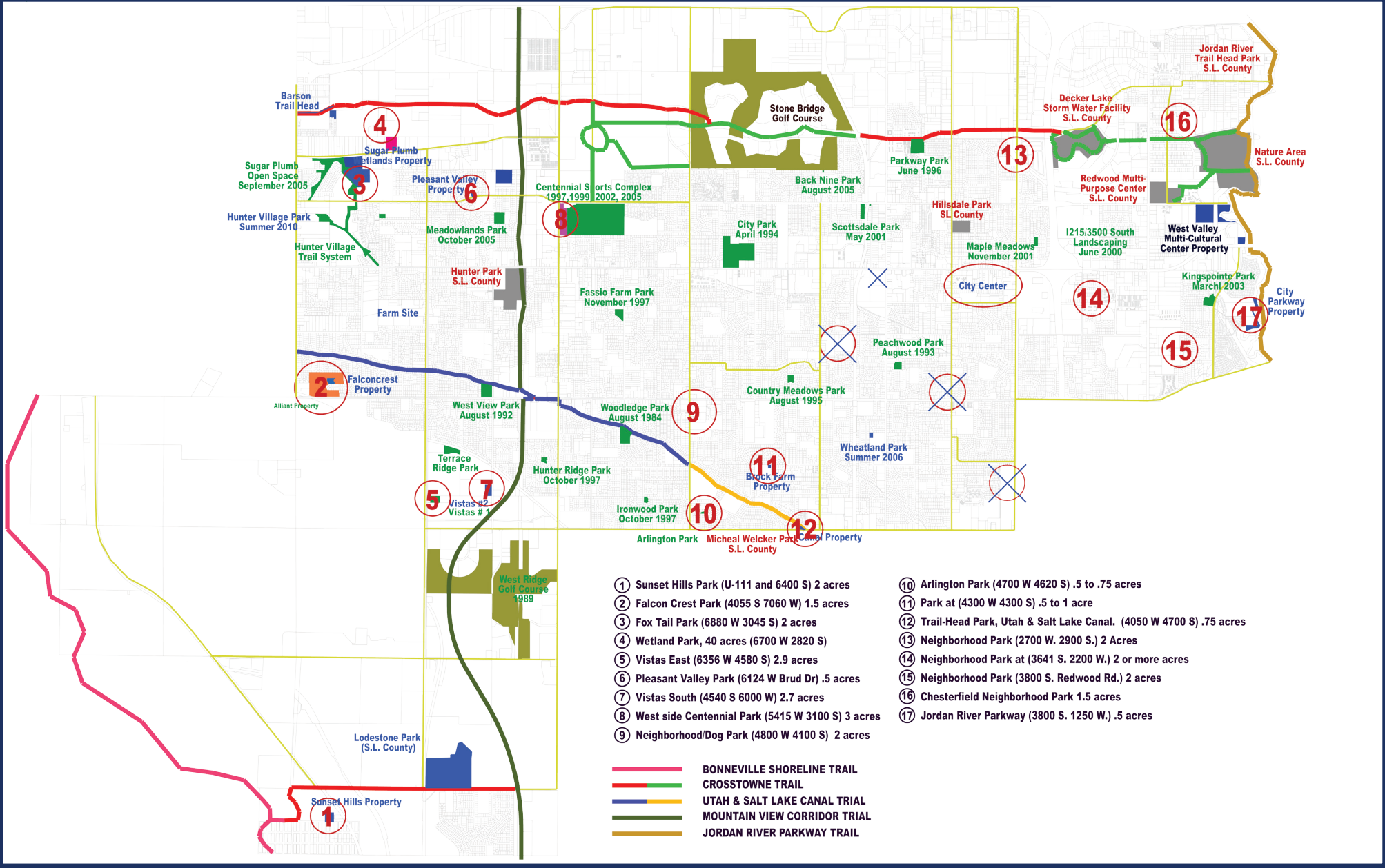
Why did the City Council Choose This Year to Request a Bond for Parks and Trails?

Each year the city loses more potential park sites as the community grows and there is a need to acquire these sites while the real estate is still available and affordable. With many families vacationing from

home during these economic hard times, the demand for recreational amenities close by like parks and trails is the highest it has ever been. Furthermore, many residents are concerned about slumping property values and studies show that one of the best ways to reinvest in neighborhoods and enhance value is through developing nearby parks and trails.

Also, with the completion of TRAX light rail next summer, and the plans for the adjacent West Valley City Center being finalized, the timing is critical for the new Granger Park/City Center Greenspace to be designed and developed. Finally, the city has long neglected getting caught up on its long range park master plan, and current interest rates and construction costs are at record lows, enabling many more projects to be completed for much less money than it normally would cost.

Based on these concerns, the City Council believes that the projects described above will be beneficial to the City and its citizens and, therefore, voted to bring this choice before the voters.



The Proposition 3 park map is available online at www.wvc-ut.gov/prop3map

How will the City use the Bond Funds?

The bond funds will be used to further the development of projects in three major categories:

- 1) TRAILS. A portion of the funds from the bond will be used to complete the city’s Crosstowne Trail. This runs at about 2700 South from the Jordan River, through the Decker Lake area, west through Lake Park and Highbury, and all the way to Magna at 7200 West. Another portion of the bond funds will be used to complete the Utah & Salt Lake Canal Trail, which runs from 4000 West and 4700 South along the canal and behind Academy Park, Kennedy Junior High, Woodledge Park, and West View Park out to 7200 West and 3900 South. These trails will tie into the future Mountain View Corridor trail along 5800 West, and the existing Jordan River Parkway.
- 2) NEW GRANGER PARK/CITY CENTER GREENSPACE. Bond funds will be used to create a “town square” or “village green” adjacent to the TRAX station by City Hall. This 4 to 7 acre park space is designed to both replace Granger Park (which is being used for the new Granger High School), and to help spur economic development and to keep the positive momentum of the new Valley Fair Mall redevelopment flowing west into the City Center area.
- 3) NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS. Seventeen new neighborhood parks will benefit from the funds the City will receive from this bond. The funds will be used to purchase future park properties and to design and build improvements in the parks. The goal of the City is to create park space within 2,000 yards of every residence in the city and to increase the city’s open space inventory by approximately 20%. Plans include the city’s first off-leash dog park and skate park. The City Council will prioritize the use of the funds in the acquisition and development of the following proposed park spaces:

- 1. Sunset Hills Park (U-111 and 6400 S) 2 acres
- 2. Falcon Crest Park (4055 S 7060 W) 1.5 acres
- 3. Fox Tail Park completion (6880 W 3045 S) 2 acres
- 4. Wetland Park series of trails, walkways and interpretive signs through 40 acres of wetland and playa (6700 W 2820 S)
- 5. Vistas East (6356 W 4580 S) 2.9 acres
- 6. Pleasant Valley Park (6124 W Brud Dr) .5 acres
- 7. Vistas South (4540 S 6000 W) 2.7 acres
- 8. Complete West side of Centennial Park, and include a skate park somewhere in the park. (5415 W 3100 S) 3 acres
- 9. Park in the area of 4800 W 4150 S with off-leash dog park 2 acres
- 10. Arlington Park open spaces (4700 W 4620 S) .5 to .75 acres
- 11. Park at (4300 W 4300 S) .5 to 1 acre
- 12. Trail-Head Park on Utah & Salt Lake Canal. (4050 W 4700 S) .75 acres
- 13. Firestation Park (2700 W 2900 S) 2 Acres
- 14. Park at (3641 S 2200 W) 2 or more acres
- 15. Park in the area of 3800 S Redwood Rd 2 acres
- 16. Chesterfield Neighborhood Park in an area to be determined 1.5 acres
- 17. Jordan River Parkway at about 3800 S 1250 W .5 acres

SAMPLE BALLOT

PROPOSITION*

Shall the City Council of West Valley City, Utah, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the costs of acquiring and constructing parks and trails, a city center park and greenway, and related improvements, and for payment of expenses reasonably incurred with the construction of said facilities and the authorization and issuance of the Bonds; said Bonds to be due and payable in not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the date of issuance of the Bonds?

[* The City Council is requesting authorization to issue general obligation bonds to finance the costs of these facilities. A vote for or against this proposition will not prevent the City Council from issuing other types of bonds to finance these facilities.]

Property Tax Cost of Bonds. If the bonds described in the election Proposition are issued as planned, an annual property tax to pay debt service on the bonds will be required over a period of twenty (20) years in the estimated amount of \$25.02 on a \$177,000 residence and in the estimated amount of \$45.49 on a business property having the same value as said residence.

The information in this notice with respect to increases in taxes is an estimate only based on current assumptions of the City as to the financing plan and estimates, including estimated market interest rates for the bonds and the taxable values of property within the City. The information is intended to provide an elector with some indication of the impact the issuance of the Bonds may have on taxes paid. However, there is no limit on the tax rates the City may be required to levy to pay debt service on the bonds.

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS☐

AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS☐